

Please stop media concentration!

I hope you will support continuing the FCC's current rules that limit the ability of a few huge corporations to control the broadcast industry. In Docket No. 02-277, the Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules, recommendations to further deregulate media ownership don't take into account the harm this would do to U.S. democracy. Even though cable TV and the internet provide new sources of information, I believe most Americans are exposed to a very narrow range of opinion. That makes it hard for us to conduct an informed discussion of current events and hold our political leaders accountable. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, the actual ability of the people to participate in democratic decision-making will be further limited.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

Thank you,
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